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-Brian VandenBos-

When you placed your bets on
the horse that looked the saddest,
and discovered profound meaning
and gave gypsy fortunes
from the black tallies on our shoes,
only to die of a heart attack because of
the awakening of appliances,
electricity being restored
after a moonless evening
of the walls buzzing with fear,
thick dust resting as you washed your hair in the
kitchen sink.
Still when your bingo club threw you a birthday bash
and no one started a conversation
for Betty forgot the appetizers,
if the shake of trees hurts your bones,
framed as you wait for the
mailman, who bounds through gray expansive skies,
you appreciate the way gravity keeps you on the group
and wonder why Betty, of all people
left the carrots and dip at home,
and late afternoon light,
struggling to pass through hanging tobacco smoke
makes you feel like growing up all over again.